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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 03327.2252

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Takatoshi YAMASHITA	)	Group Art Unit: 2881 ✓
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Application No.: 09/773,664	)	Examiner: M. El Shammaa
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Filed: February 2, 2001	)	
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For: ION SOURCE AND OPERATION	)	
METHOD THEREOF	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450 •  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2003, please reexamine  
and reconsider the application in view of the appended remarks.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.